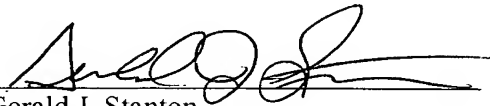


Remarks/Arguments:

The final Office Action dated August 14, 2006, concludes that claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten to independent form, and that claims 16-19 would be allowable if the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, were overcome. Following the Applicants' Amendment dated October 10, 2006, the Advisory Action dated November 14, 2006 concluded that claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten to independent form, and that claims 16-19 were allowed. In an exchange of voicemails on December 13-14, 2006, the Examiner confirmed to the undersigned that claim 5 would be allowed if rewritten to include the subject matter of claims 1 and 4.

This Amendment rewrites claim 5 to incorporate the subject matter of claims 1 and 4 from which it previously depended, and cancels all remaining claims save claims 5 and 16-19. Each of these being previously allowed or deemed allowable, the Applicants respectfully request that claims 5 and 16-19 now be passed to issue. The undersigned representative welcomes the opportunity to discuss any matters that may remain, formal or otherwise, with the Examiner via teleconference at the Examiner's discretion.

Respectfully submitted:



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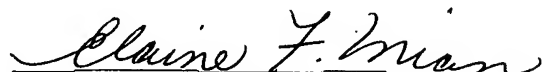
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